

**VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHANCEL CHOIR**

Rafael Ornes, music director
Barbary Grant, organist

Sopranos

Helen Barker
Dion Diederich
Kristi Hobbs
Anne Hubble
HyeMyoung Kim
Renee Loth-Cali
Anna Ralston
Karen Russell
Yvonne Tryce
Carolyn Worthington
Leslie Worthington

Tenors

Bob Barrett
Don Gustafson
Larry Hubble
Nate McKitterick

Altos

Vera Cannon
Marge Cassingham
Marion Everett
Gay Hoagland
Bonda Lewis
Barbara Loneragan
Linda Marion
Chris Martens
Debbie Romani
Susan Squires Cox

Basses

Bruce Bowers
Robert Cannon
David Cox
Ted Meeker
Joel Philips
Roger Romani
Dan Siehl
Jim Stanford

Valley Presbyterian Church presents

The Messiah

(Christmas section)

by

George Frederic Handel

Valley Presbyterian Church Chamber Choir
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Kristi Hobbs, soprano
Anne Hubble, soprano
Susan Squires Cox, alto
Don Gustafson, tenor
David Cox, bass

Saturday, December 17, 2005 - 7:30 PM

VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Violin I

Doug Perry (concertmaster)
Kari Rust
Joan Norton

Violin II

Kim Bonnet
Ed Hattayar
Gretchen Miescke
Ondine Parker

Viola

Noriki Iwamoto
Wilbur Wong

Cello

Charles Calvert
Cynthia Swenson

Bass

Kelly Beecher

Oboe

Brenda Schuman-Post
Lianne Araki

Bassoon

Dagmar Scheel

Trumpet

Jay Jordan
Jon Pankin

Timpani

Stuart Langsam

Organ

Barbary Grant

Special Thanks to

Rigoberto Paz
The Hubble/Hobbs family
Steve Sano
CCARH

I. Christmas Carols

(The congregation is invited to sing with the choir and orchestra.)

#41 - O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1-3)
#56 - Silent Night (vs. 1-3)
#40 - Joy to the World

II. The Messiah (Part I)

(reception will immediately follow in Lane Family Hall)

OVERTURE

RECITATIVE (Tenor) *Isaiah 40:1-3*
Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:-Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

AIR (Tenor) *Isaiah 40:4*
Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low, the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

CHORUS *Isaiah 40:5*
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

RECITATIVE (Bass) *Haggai 2:6-7, Malachi 3:1*
Thus saith the Lord of Hosts:-Yet once a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come. The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.

AIR (Bass) *Malachi 3:2*
But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

CHORUS *Malachi 3:3*
And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

RECITATIVE (Alto) *Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23*
Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us.

AIR (Alto) and **CHORUS** *Isaiah 40:9; Isaiah 60:1*
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain: O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold you God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

RECITATIVE. (Accompanied - Bass) *Isaiah 60:2-3*
For Behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall rise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee, and the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

AIR (Bass) *Isaiah 9:2*
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

CHORUS *Isaiah 9:6*
For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

PIFA (PASTORAL SYMPHONY)

RECITATIVE (Soprano) *Luke 2 : 8-11, 13*
There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

RECITATIVE (Accompanied - Soprano) And lo! the angel of the Lord cam upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

RECITATIVE (Soprano) And the angel said unto the, Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

RECITATIVE (Accompanied - Soprano) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:-

CHORUS *Luke 2:14*
Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men.

AIR (Soprano) *Zecharaiah 9:9-10*
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, thy King cometh unto thee! He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

RECITATIVE (Alto) *Isaiah 35:5-6*
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

AIR (Alto) *Isaiah 40:11*
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

AIR (Soprano) *Matthew 11:28-29*
Come unto Him, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

CHORUS *Matthew 11:30*
His yoke is easy and His burthen is light.

CHORUS *Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16*
Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

CHORUS *Revelation 5:12-13*
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever. Amen.